

In the  
**Indiana Supreme Court**



IN THE MATTER OF )

THE SELECTION OF SPECIAL JUDGES )

Supreme Court No. 94S00-1101-*ms-19*

ORDER ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR  
SELECTION OF SPECIAL JUDGES

By Order dated September 21, 2010, this Court amended Ind. Administrative Rule 3, effective January 1, 2011 (new administrative districts). This rule provides administrative districts in the state, and is referenced in Ind. Trial Rule 79(H)(1) with regard to the selection of special judges. Prior to January 1, 2011 (old administrative districts), special judge selections were made based upon local rules formulated under the old administrative districts. The amendment to Admin. R. 3 makes some of these local rules unworkable.

To facilitate the transition from the old administrative districts to the new administrative districts, the Court finds it appropriate to authorize the selection of special judges under existing local rules until July 1, 2011. In the interim courts shall, where necessary, amend their local rules to accommodate the new administrative districts.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that selection of special judges is authorized using existing local rules promulgated under the old administrative districts until July 1, 2011, or further Order of this Court.

IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED that all courts shall review their local rules regarding special judge selection and amend them as necessary prior to July 1, 2011.

IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be effective retroactive to January 1, 2011.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the clerk of each circuit court in the state of Indiana; Attorney General of Indiana; Administrator, Indiana Supreme Court; Administrator, Indiana Court of Appeals; Administrator, Indiana Tax Court; Public Defender of Indiana; Prosecuting Attorney's Council; Public Defender's Council; Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission; Jane A. Seigel, Indiana Judicial Center; Lilia G.

Judson, Division of State Court Administration; and the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order to the Court's website.

**The Clerks of the Circuit Courts are directed to bring this Order to the attention of all judges within their respective counties and to post this Order for examination by the Bar and general public.**

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

Randall T. Shepard  
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Chief Justice of Indiana